

2023 RMHS Science Olympiad Tournament - Guest Information

Welcome! Richard Montgomery High School is excited to host its fourth Science Olympiad tournament. We want to thank you for your participation in the wonderful venture of advancing science to our students and ask for your patience with any hiccups throughout the day.

Arrival and Parking Information

Address: Richard Montgomery High School, 250 Richard Montgomery Drive, Rockville, MD 20852

[Sci Oly 2023 - General RMHS Region Maps](#)

[Sci Oly 2023 - Building Maps](#)

Spring sports have begun, so there will be athletes arriving for practice in the morning at the same time as teams are arriving for competition. **PLEASE BE VERY CAREFUL DRIVING AND DROPPING OFF!** All student drop offs happen on the back side of the building. There is a specific traffic flow and cones to help guide drivers. Refer to the map. We will have security to help with traffic flow from ~7:00a-8:30a. After dropping off students, parents are encouraged to park at the nearby, free public parking garage.

Rockville Town center has additional parking and restaurants, a library, and a movie theater for parents and guests to hang out while their students are competing. See <http://rockvilletownsquare.com/> and <https://www.rockvilleparking.com/map> for more information.

The Fleet St. side of the building has a small staff parking lot and the bus loop. Both of these spaces are reserved parking for event staff, coaches, and buses. Parents may drive through and unload the bigger build events, but should not park. The students should carry in the build item. No other student drop-offs are allowed on this side of the building.

Security Notes

This year, MCPS has increased its focus on the security of school buildings at all times, including when in use by the community after regular school hours. To this end, exterior doors are to remain locked at all times unless actively monitored, and there should be a system to manage the people in the building.

Please be aware of the following:

- Entrance #1 (near the Gym) is the main entrance and will be open all day with security present.
- Entrances #2 & #3 (bus loop) will be open until 8:30 am, then locked. Signs will direct people to go around the building to Entrance #1 after 8:30 am.
- Teams will be limited to 6 adults per team, including coaches. Will have wristband color TBD
- Other adults are welcome to volunteer to assist running events and grading. Wristband color TBD
- Competitors will have wristbands color TBD.
- After 8:30 am, anyone without a wristband should leave the building and can enjoy the public library, Rockville town center, or other shopping nearby until competition is over.
- Pick-up competitors at entrance #1. Adults must walk up to entrance to pick up children.
- Entrance #3 will be unlocked from 3:00p to 4:00pm to allow clean-up of cafeteria.
- All teams should be out of cafeteria by 4:00pm.
- Awards at 5:00p in gym (no food).

Check-in, Homerooms, and Building maps

RMHS has a large open space running through the middle called main street. The Gymnasium and Auditorium are at one end where students are dropped off, and the Media Center and Cafeteria are at the other end. There will be greeting stations at all doors to assist with questions in the morning. Team and volunteer check-in will be outside the Media Center, and “homerooms” are in the cafeteria.

After 8:30a, everyone associated with the tournament should be wearing a wristband. All other people are asked to leave the building at this time. Parents are encouraged to take advantage of Rockville Town Center while waiting for students. After the tournament is done at 3:00p, additional people may come in to help clean-up and are welcome to attend the awards ceremony in the Gymnasium.

Event Schedule and Volunteer information

See provided schedule. [2023 RMHS Div B Sci Oly Event & Volunteer Schedule MASTER](#)

We need volunteers! [2023 RMHS Sci Oly Div B 3/4 volunteer sign-up](#)

After two years of virtual tournaments, we need to rebuild our volunteer base. Coaches provide the framework for Science Olympiad, but parent volunteers become the lifeblood of successful tournaments as students progress through middle school and high school. We have only 27 teams participating and need at least 2 adults per team to volunteer in order to cover all 23 events with enough hands. Please encourage your parents to sign up!

Clarifications regarding build scheduling:

- All builds events will operate with flexibility. Event supervisors will prioritize teams that show up at the start of the timeblock they are scheduled for. They will fit in other teams (walk-ins) on a first-come, first served basis.
- If an event is running behind and a team doesn't get to start at the planned time, teams may leave to participate in another event and then return as a walk-in.
- Anyone without a sign-up time will participate as a walk-in.
- Flight and Bridge have sign-up times in Scilympiad from 11:00am to 2:00pm. On the schedule it shows that students may walk-in beginning at 9:30am. We would like to front-load the build events so that they finish with plenty of time to finish scoring prior to awards.
- The athletic department technically has the Gym reserved until noon. In case of inclement weather, they may choose to bring practice for spring sports indoors. Otherwise, we may get access early. Due to uncertainty, we will not run any trial events requiring use of the Gym (for 2023, we will not run Ping Pong Parachute.)
- Flight will begin as soon as the Gym is available.

Specific event notes:

- **Rollercoaster** is on the 3rd floor and will be in a room with science tables. We do not guarantee that all tables are leveled the same. If it matter for the device performance, it is the responsibility

of the team to check the level of the table during their 8 minute set-up time. We encourage coaches to train students on how to level their rollercoaster and teams to include shims with their equipment. Teams may request to move to a different table or the floor if desired, but that is still part of the 8 minute set-up time.

Food information

- The snack shack is not scheduled to be open (as of 2/23/23).
- There are a large variety of restaurants in the immediate area to eat at or order take-out from.
- Please use entrance #1 for entering and exiting the building.